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In re Patent Application of )  
Toshihiro Mori ) Group Art Unit: 2625  
Application No.: 09/841,039 ) Examiner: Manav Seth  
Filed: April 25, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 4356  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
DETECTING A PATTERN )

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed July 10, 2006, the Examiner provided a statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Examiner states: "The instant invention further recites the limitation 'recognizing partial image based on at least two of: conditions concerning the pixels at opposite vertices, conditions concerning pixels on outermost lines of said pixel-block area, and conditions concerning pixels on outermost lines of said pixel-block area.' The second and third condition listed by the Examiner is the same and it is clear that the statement by the Examiner is not accurate. The last part of Claims 14, 20 and 23 recites "conditions concerning pixels on opposite sides on the outermost lines of said pixel-block area."

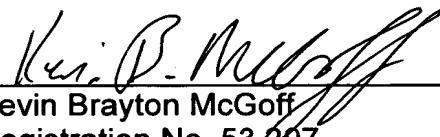
It appears that the inaccurate representation in the Examiner's statement on Reasons for Allowance resulted from an editorial error and not from a misunderstanding of the claim recitation. Also, the Examiner's statement should not be understood to indicate that the claims recite or mean anything other than that which is presently recited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the examiner feel that a teleconference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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